



DECISION RECORD

Transfer of Westslope Cutthroat Trout from Sidney Creek to Woods Creek (Two Medicine Drainage)

Receiving Water:

Name: Woods Creek
Location: T29N,R12W,sec6
County: Pondera

Donating Water:

Name: Sidney Creek
Location: T29N,R12W,sec20
County: Pondera

Fish Species Proposed for Introduction: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks proposes transferring non-hybridized juvenile and adult westslope cutthroat trout (WCT) (*Oncorhynchus clarkii lewisi*) from Sidney Creek to currently fishless Woods Creek (Two Medicine Drainage). Sidney Creek and Woods Creek are located on Lewis and Clark National Forest. Ten to twenty fish will be transferred over a five to seven year period. No more than 10% of the total population of WCT ≥ 6 inches and no more than 20% of the total population of WCT < 6 inches will be transferred from Sidney Creek in any one year.

Description of Public Notification/Review Process: The Environmental Assessment was put on the web (Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Public Notices Website) on 8/6/2012. The comment period ended 8/20/2012.

Summary of Public Comments: No comments were received on the proposed project.

Recommendation: Transfer WCT as proposed in the Environmental Assessment.

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